

Football SA 2024 Competition Regulations

Summary of Changes – *Senior Men’s Ops Regulations*

Clause	Amendment	Purpose
Definitions	Remove – away goals First Team - Is the highest-grade team that represents a club in the National Premier League, State League 1 or State League 2 competition.	Not utilised in competition. Provide clarity in which competitions the First Team participates in.
Field size	Minimum 100m x 60m implementation 2025 for NPL only.	Provide consistency with minimum field requirements across NPL competitions and Australia Cup competition.
Signage and logos	Refer brand kit guidelines	Streamline information through one document only which is provided ahead of each season in regard to playing kit and sponsorship requirements.
Coaching (throughout)	Coach licence naming conventions update per Football Australia Update	Senior Certificate / Skill Training Certificate -> Foundation of Football Certificate AFC C Licence -> C Diploma AFC B Licence -> B Diploma AFC A Licence -> A Diploma
SL2 Coaching	Update to C Diploma	As per 2023 Rules and Regulations which stipulated the licence criteria would increase to an C Diploma from the 2024 Season.

2.(4)	Amend to 6:00pm	To reflect actual scheduling of matches.
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3.(7)	A player will be defined as a Senior Grade Player if they are 21 years of age or older during the year of competition, or if they have participated in ten (10) or more first team league matches in any competition.	To prevent a player that is 20 years or younger, who plays regular first team football, or a player that has previously played regular first team football, from being able to move to a different Club outside of the prescribed window.
7	Throughout – amend player to participant.	To include coach on accumulation within the competition.
(4)	If a team official is also registered as a player, or vice versa, yellow cards will be accumulated together.	Provide further clarity on participants who also coach in the competition.
10. (12)	Refer to new rule at clause 19.(4)	
13.(2)	Amend to: Team managers are required to review post-match sheet via Dribl and submit any disputes via Dribl within 24 hours of the scheduled kick-off of the fixture.	In line with dribl process.

16. (6)	Remove – not applicable	Away goals rule no longer applies.
19. (4)	New clause: To be eligible to participate in the Club's First Team Finals Series matches, players must have played at least six (6) matches with the First Team, Reserves or FSA NTC during the home and away season.	Following consultation and agreement with Clubs on restrictions for AUFC Senior players participation in the finals series.
21.	Add 'team official' to rule.	To capture team officials who accumulate yellow cards or receive a direct red card.
Penalties and Fines (6)	Level 4 Senior Level 3 Reserve Level 2 Under 18	Further clarity of fine amounts
(7) (c)	Penalty for playing a registered and eligible player, not named on a team sheet, has been reduced to a fine for the first offence, forfeit for any subsequent offence.	Multiple forfeits applied throughout the 2023 season were a result of administration error and did not provide any unfair competitive advantage. Multiple forfeits for administration errors can affect the integrity of the competition and results on the field should stand where no competition advantage is gained.

(10)	Forfeit NPL Level 4 Forfeit SL Level 3	Further clarity of fine amounts
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